

To Our Volunteers

I am proud to present the 1999 Annual Volunteer Report. This publication provides an overview of the accomplishments of over 17,000 dedicated citizens who have worked this past year, either individually or as part of a group, in a broad array of volunteer positions for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This report celebrates your many accomplishments and the leadership of the BLM employees who work side-by-side with you. Hopefully, as you read it, you will gain an appreciation of the importance of your volunteer work.

The BLM is a little agency with a big job. It has a full-time staff of only 8,700 employees—fewer people than the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, employs in its public school system. In spite of this, the BLM is responsible for managing nearly 1/8 of the land in the entire United States. (That's an area almost equal to all the land in the states of Texas and California put together.) Your support is critical to helping BLM live up to the challenge of managing these lands. Without you, many important projects simply would not get done.



A crew of volunteers improved a portion of trail outside an open vertical shaft at the historic Copper Globe Mine near Price, Utah, on National Public Lands Day 1999.

On behalf of the BLM workforce, I want to thank you for taking the time to give something back to your public lands. Your efforts make a difference. Keep up the great work!

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Acting Director



Volunteers built a fire pit at the Fort Benton, Montana, site on the Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River.